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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, September 20, 2004, at 2 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2004

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 17, 2004.

I hereby appoint the Honorable TOM DAVIS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Lord God of heaven and earth, as we begin this weekend, help the Members of the House of Representatives and all of us to enter into the wonder and leisure of the ancient Sabbath.

Freed from the routine of a workaday world, enlighten us to seek the most important aspects of human life. May we give profound expression to our faith with praise and thanks to You, the Almighty. May we spend time with family and friends and those people in most need of our heartfelt attention.

Renew us with beauty and goodness, that we may serve You and our country with greater patience and perseverance now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. PELOSI led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1284. An act to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to increase the Federal share of the costs of the San Gabriel Basin demonstration project.

H.R. 1658. An act to amend the Railroad Right-of-Way Conveyance Validation Act to validate additional conveyances of certain lands in the State of California that form part of the right-of-way granted by the United States to facilitate the construction of the transcontinental railway, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2828. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to implement water supply technology and infrastructure programs aimed at increasing and diversifying domestic water resources.

H.R. 4567. An act making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 4567) entitled "An Act making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. BYRD, Mr. INOUE, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KOHL, and Mrs. MURRAY, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills and a concurrent resolution of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 155. An act to convey to the town of Frannie, Wyoming, certain land withdrawn by the Commissioner of Reclamation.

S. 180. An act to establish the National Aviation Heritage Area, and for other purposes.

S. 203. An act to provide for the sale of bentonite in Big Horn County, Wyoming.

S. 211. An act to establish the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes.

S. 323. An act to establish the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area, Louisiana.

S. 931. An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to undertake a program to reduce the risks from and mitigate the effects of avalanches on recreational users of public land.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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